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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Department of Public Works CIP Conference Room**

**August 22, 11:00**

**Agenda**

- I. Meeting Called to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Election of Temporary Chairperson**
- IV. Discussion - Committee Assignment: Chairperson**
- V. Executive Manager's Report**
- VI. Board of Directors Handbook**
- VII. Other Discussion**
- VIII. Public Comment – 3 minutes per individual**
- IX. Adjournment**

















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**GRTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 22, 2019 - 11:00am**  
**CIP Conference Room, Building B - DPW Compound**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
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# INTRODUCTIONS – BOARD OF DIRECT

- Director Rudy D. Iriarte
- Director David Arentz
- Director Evelyn Duenas
- Director John Leon Guerrero
- Director Alejo Sablan

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Introductions completed – know each other's background
- Use such information to select your officers
- Would you all elect officers today? Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary
- Prefer to have more time to elect officers?
- Select a date to vote if you need more time

# COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- GRTA has vital functions & resources: Paratransit, Budget/Procurement, Safety/Security, Federal Program Operations/Maintenance, Facility
- Suggest a committee with a chairperson to oversee a committee
- Recommend a volunteer or elect a committee chairperson
- Committee chairperson will work with Executive Manager to address issues



# **EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Initiatives Since January 2019
- Budget Local
- Non-Appropriated Funds
- Federal Programs
- Vans and Buses
- Riders – Fixed Routes
- Riders – Paratransit
- Ride Denials

# INITIATIVES – SINCE JANUARY 201

- Bill 42-35 – Introduced by Sen. Pedro Terlaje & signed into law  
Lou Leon Guerrero; transferred government land to GRTA
- FTA extended usage of \$1,237,500: \$237,500 to Sept 2020, \$  
2023
- Procurement of 10 buses
- Procurement of One Call – One Click
- Vehicle Maintenance Contract
- A & E Design of GRTA facility
- Demand Response

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# BUDGET FY19

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Personnel:	\$613,518	\$495,197	\$118321
Contractual:	\$2,244,438	\$1,809,249	\$47,255
Maintenance:	\$	\$387,933	0
Supplies:	\$305,832	\$231,915	\$73,917
Equipment:	\$40,000	\$27,321	\$12,679
Miscellaneous:	\$11,400	\$2,806	\$8,594
Telephone:	\$6,000	\$5,765	\$235
Total:	\$3,221,188	\$2,960186	\$261,002
Available funding will be used for Contractual			

# BUDGET FY20

Personnel:	\$851,690
Contracts Bus Operations:	\$2,280,554
Contract Maintenance:	\$250,000
Fuel:	\$133,571
Equipment:	\$30,000
Miscellaneous:	\$11,400
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$3.4 million</b>

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# FEDERAL PROGRAMS

## Active Grants: 6

- GU-04-0003 2011**      \$237,500      A&E Design for GRTA's Maintenance Facility
- *For the Partial A & E Design including NEPA Environmental review for the proposed GRTA Maintenance Facility*

- GU-04-0004 2012**      \$1,305,000      One-Call/One-Click Dispatch Center, to include Construction of GRTA's Admin & Maintenance Facility
- *Procure the Transportation Management Software (computer aided dispatching system) to include the communications systems (driver tablets, computer monitors, office furniture for dispatchers, schedulers).*
  - *Construction of GRTA's One-Call/One-Click Center to include, the maintenance facility and the administration office.*

- GU-2017-001 2017**      \$1,615,066      FTA Formula Grant for FY 2016
- *Procure 5 ADA compliant buses*
  - *Operational expenses for Paratransit Services*
  - *State Program Administration*



# FEDERAL PROGRAMS

GU-2017-002 2017 \$1,417,486 FTA

## Formula Grant for FY 2017

*Procure 5 ADA compliant buses*

*Operational expenses for Paratransit Services*

*Partial Funding for the TMS System for the One-Call/One-Click Center  
State Program Administration*

FEMA TY Dolphin \$18,790.13 Bus

## Shelter Replacement at DPHSS-SRCHC

Replacement of Bus Shelter at Dept. of Public Health & Social Services  
Southern Regional Community Health Center

DOI \$40,000 Solar Lights

## Project

Installation of 20 Solar Light Poles at various GRTA Bus Stops

# STATUS VANS/BUSES

**No. of Vehicles: 23**

- MV1 Van (5 pax): 12 Operational: 6
- ARBOC Buses: (17) 11 Operational: 4

Maintenance Problems: Air compressors, aircondition

# RIDERS - FIXED

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# RIDE DENIALS

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS HANDBOOK**

- For you to keep
- Has very helpful information
- Table of Contents – List subject items in handbook
- Review and decide if work session is needed to discuss

# OTHER DISCUSSIONS

- Staffing Pattern – In your binder
- Board meeting time – Board decide
- Review of bylaws – Suggests work session
- Grievance & Appeals Board/Process
- Complaint Process
- Maui, Hawaii Budget

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Select from sign up sheet
- Have 3 minutes to comment



# Adjournment

- End of Meeting

# Warden at New York jail where financier Epstein died is removed

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. Attorney General William Barr ordered the removal of the warden at the federal jail where financier Jeffrey Epstein was found dead in an apparent suicide while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges, the Justice Department said on Tuesday, after condemning "serious irregularities" at the facility.

The staff shakeup at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) in lower Manhattan announced by the department included temporarily reassigning the warden to another post within the federal Bureau of Prisons, appointing a temporary replacement and placing two corrections officers assigned to Epstein's unit on administrative leave pending the outcome of investigations.

Epstein was found dead on Saturday morning, having apparently hanged himself in his cell.

The department's announcement of the staff changes was made

hours after President Donald Trump said he wanted a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding Epstein's death.

"Additional actions may be taken as the circumstances warrant," Kerri Kupec, a Justice Department spokeswoman, said in a statement.

Epstein, who once counted Trump and former President Bill Clinton as friends, was arrested on July 6 and pleaded not guilty to charges of sex trafficking involving dozens of underage girls as young as 14.

Kupec said James Petrucci, the warden at Federal Correctional Institution Otisville in New York, was named as acting MCC warden. The previous warden was reassigned to the bureau's Northeast Regional Office, Kupec added. The corrections



Jeffrey Epstein

officers were not identified.

The department did not name the warden who was reassigned, but sources familiar with the matter identified him as Lamine N'Diaye, who formerly was in charge of the Bureau of Prisons office of internal affairs.

Barr, the top U.S. law enforcement official, on Monday vowed to carry on the Epstein investigation following the death of the wealthy and well-connected money manager. Barr said he was "appalled" at the jail's "failure to adequately secure this prisoner." Barr cited "serious irregularities at this facility," but did not offer specifics.

The 66-year-old financier had been on suicide watch, but a source familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity said he was not on watch at the time of his death.

At the MCC, two jail guards are required to make separate checks on all prisoners every 30 minutes, but that procedure was not followed overnight, according to the source.

Trump earlier on Tuesday praised Barr's handling of the matter, adding, "I want a full investigation, and that's what I absolutely am demanding. That's what our attorney general, our great attorney general is doing."

## Twenty-two states sue Trump administration over carbon rule replacement

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Twenty-two states, including New York and California, and seven cities on Tuesday sued to challenge the Environmental Protection Agency's replacement of the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, arguing it prolongs U.S. reliance on coal power and obstructs states that pursue cleaner electricity generation.

The petition filed in a federal appellate court in Washington calls for the rule to be vacated. The petitioners argue that the EPA's Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule, which it finalized in June, will not curb rising carbon emissions from power plants and will prolong the operation of dirtier coal plants.

"Without significant course correction, we are careening towards a climate disaster," New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement announcing the lawsuit, adding that the coalition of states and cities "will fight back against this unlawful, do-nothing rule."



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#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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### INVITATION FOR BID

#### ISLAND ROAD MAINTENANCE GVB IFB #2019-003

The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB), a public, non-stock, non-profit, membership corporation, issues this Invitation for Bid ("IFB") GVB IFB 2019-003 soliciting bids from qualified businesses to provide Island Road Maintenance.

The Invitation for Bid packages can be downloaded at no cost from GVB's website at [www.guamvisitorsbureau.com/news/ifbs](http://www.guamvisitorsbureau.com/news/ifbs) or obtained (in USB format) at the GVB Office, 401 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, Guam, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday, excluding Guam holidays. A non-refundable \$25.00 fee is required for each packet picked up at the GVB office payable in US\$ cash, bank wire transfer or major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, JCB).

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the GVB Main Conference Room. Questions, if any, should be made in writing to the President and CEO, which can be dropped off at the GVB office; emailed to [procurement@visitguam.org](mailto:procurement@visitguam.org); or sent by fax to 671-648-8861 according to the timeline provided in the IFB packet.

GVB hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit a response to this invitation for bid and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

GVB reserves the right to reject any or all bids, solicit new bids, waive minor informalities or irregularities or award GVB IFB #2019-003 Island Road Maintenance project in whole or in part. Except to the above person named, direct or indirect contact with the GVB Management or Staff, Board Member, or any person participating in the selection process is prohibited.

Bid submission deadline is at 3:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on Friday, September 6, 2019. Bid Opening will commence at 3:15 p.m. Award will be confirmed after bid analysis and verification of bid.

/s/ PILAR LAGUANA  
President & CEO

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### NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), a public corporation, will be holding its Regular Board of Directors meeting on **Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 1:30pm** in the GEDA conference room located in Suite 511, 5th Floor, International Trade Center (ITC) Building, 590 South Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning, Guam.

Persons requiring special accommodations should contact GEDA's ADA coordinator, Mr. Austin Grant, at 647-4332 or [austin.grant@investguam.com](mailto:austin.grant@investguam.com).

/s/ MELANIE MENDIOLA  
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# CDC probes lung illnesses linked to e-cigarette use

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is investigating a "cluster" of lung illnesses that it believes may be linked to e-cigarette use after such cases were reported in 14 states.

The CDC said there was no evidence that an infectious disease was behind the illnesses and that more information was needed to determine whether they were in fact caused by e-cigarette use.

The CDC is working with health departments in Wisconsin, Illinois, California, Indiana and Minnesota on the investigation. Since June 28, states have reported 94 possible cases of severe lung illness tied to vaping, primarily among teenagers and young adults, according to a CDC statement on Saturday. Of those cases, 30 occurred in Wisconsin.

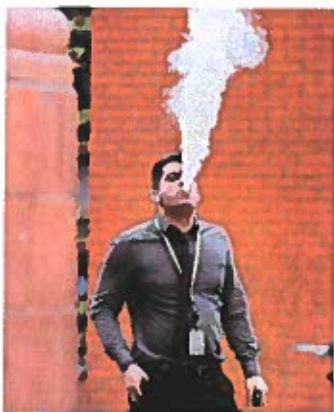
Patients experienced coughing, shortness of breath and fatigue. Some had serious breathing difficulties that required ventilation.

A CDC spokesman was unable to provide additional information on the investigation. Representatives for the state health departments did not respond to inquiries.

Other states, including New York and New Jersey, have also issued health advisories regarding vaping-linked lung illnesses.

The CDC did not link the illnesses to any specific product. In the United States, Juul Labs, in which Altria Group Inc. has a 35% stake, is the dominant e-cigarette maker.

"Like any health-related events reportedly associated with the use of vapor products, we are monitoring these reports," Juul Labs said on Sunday in a statement emailed to Reuters.



**94 POSSIBLE CASES:** A man vapes outside an office block in Manchester, Britain, on Feb. 6. Reuters

"These reports reaffirm the need to keep all tobacco and nicotine products out of the hands of youth through significant regulation on access and enforcement. We also must ensure illegal products, such as counterfeit, copycat, and those that deliver controlled substances, stay out of the market and away from youth."

Juul also noted that, according to some media reports, several incidences of lung illness linked to vaping have involved THC, found in marijuana, "a Schedule 1, controlled substance that we do not sell," the company said.

E-cigarettes are generally thought to be safer than traditional cigarettes, which kill up to half of all lifetime users, according to the World Health Organization. But the long-term health effects of the nicotine devices remain largely unknown. In April, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration began an investigation into seizures among e-cigarette users.

## Ohio man charged with threatening Jewish community center

(Reuters) - An Ohio man who authorities said is a self-described white nationalist is in custody on charges that he threatened to attack a local Jewish community center.

James Reardon, 20, was being held on \$250,000 bond on Sunday on charges of aggravated menacing and online harassment, according to records from the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities found weapons, ammunition, body armor and a gas mask at his house, local media reported.

Reardon was arrested in his hometown of New Middletown late on Friday after investigators became aware of a post on Instagram that appeared to threaten the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, according to a statement from the Youngstown Area Jewish Foundation.

A user named "ira\_seamus" uploaded a video in July showing a man shooting what looked like a semi-automatic rifle, with the sound of screaming and sirens audible over the gunfire. The caption read, "Police identified the Youngstown

Jewish Family Community shooter as local white nationalist Seamus O'Reardon."

"We subsequently learned that ira\_seamus was an online pseudonym for James Patrick Reardon," Andy Lipkin, the Jewish federation executive vice president, said in a statement. Lipkin said he and other federation officials stayed in "constant contact" with local authorities and the FBI on Friday evening while arranging for increased security at the JCC and other area facilities.

It was not immediately clear whether Reardon had a defense attorney.

A spokeswoman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed the agency assisted in the investigation but declined to offer details. Police in New Middletown were not immediately available for comment.

Other posts on the Instagram account included anti-Semitic and racist comments, according to WYTV, a local ABC affiliate in Youngstown.

Reardon participated in the violent white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017, the station reported.

"This is a person that has declared himself as a white nationalist," the police chief in New Middletown, Vincent D'Egidio, told the station.

## Forever In Our Hearts

### Regina Anderson Matanane Arevalo

Fondly known as "Auntie Dida" - Familiar: "Che"  
September 07, 1933 - August 11, 2019

Of Yigo (formerly of Tamuning), was called to eternal rest at the age of 85.

Mass of Intentions are being offered Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Yigo. Mass on Saturday is offered at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

In her new life, Regina will be greeted at the gates of heaven by her:

Husband: Rene Gonzales Arevalo

Regina's love and memories will be cherished in the hearts of her:

Children & Spouse (Grandchildren \*Great-Grandchildren):

Tess Arevalo & Fred Duenas Borja  
(Melissa & John Camacho \*Gabriel \*Penny,  
Sabrina Kristine,  
Adam Borja & Mica Carlos \*Amelia Jane);

Rene Matanane Arevalo  
(Angelina Marie, Rene Alexander);

Victor Anthony & Annie S. A. Arevalo  
(Matthew Victor, Michael Victor,  
Mark Anthony Victor);

Leona Christine Arevalo  
(Shane Christopher Cruz & Roni Rosario  
\*Jose - Nazario Shane,  
Shyla Jo & David Santiago  
\*Ethan, \*Elyza Jo,  
Calvin Victor Toves)

Last respects will be held on Thursday,  
August 22, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to  
11:15 a.m. at Our Lady of  
Lourdes Church in Yigo.

Mass for a Christian Burial  
will be offered at 12:00 noon.

Interment will follow at  
Guam Memorial Park in  
Leyang - Barrigada.



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The Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors will hold a Regular Board Meeting on **Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**, at the Board of Directors' Conference Room, Port Authority of Guam, Cabras Island, Piti. Individuals with disabilities who may need special accommodations may contact Mr. Simeon Delos Santos, ADA Coordinator at 477-5931, ext. 430.